

September



October

All events are Eastern Time.

Alcohol Inks*



Sunday, Sept. 11, 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Foley Room, PSCC

Alcohol inks are highly pigmented, and fast-drying, and especially suited to use on hard, non-porous surfaces. Learn how these bright colors move, mix and resist; how to introduce texture; and how to rejuvenate the inks after they dry. *Presented by Sister Rosemary Schmalz, SP. Cost: \$70 per person. Includes all materials. Register by Sept. 7. Space is limited. Wear old clothes.*



Taizé Prayer Service at the Woods



Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7-8 p.m.; Church of the Immaculate Conception

Taizé Prayer is a simple, meditative form of worship for all spiritual seekers who would like to dwell deeply on God's presence around and within us. Songs, prayerful silence and short readings guide the focus of our prayer in a candle-lit environment. Join us monthly on the second Tuesday. *Cost: Freewill donation given to a local charity.*

Peace in the Mourning



6:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 16 through 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 18; Various locations

Come experience the consolation and peace that awaits you during this first grief weekend retreat at the Woods, which will include time for personal and communal prayer and reflection, and small group sharing, as you continue to mindfully mourn the loss of a loved one.

Presented by Sister Connie Kramer, SP. Cost: \$250 per person with housing or \$110 without housing. Includes all materials, five meals and refreshments. Register by Sept. 9. Space is limited.

Mystics – A Journey of Discovery*

Sunday, Sept. 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Foley Room, PSCC

Discover these mystics from different centuries and various faiths. Join us in person or via Zoom. There are four sessions in this series:

- Sept. 18 – Hafiz – 1325-1390 – Persian poet and Sufi mystic
- Nov. 6 – St. Teresa of Avila – 1515-1582 – Carmelite nun and Spanish mystic and St. John of the Cross – 1542-1591 – Spanish Carmelite friar and mystic
- Jan. 29 – Herman Hesse – 1877-1962 – German-Swiss poet, novelist and painter
- March 19 – St. Bridget of Sweden – 1303-1373 – wife, mother, nun, mystic

Presented by Sister Paula Damiano, SP, Dr. Arthur Feinsod, Sister Jan Craven, SP. Cost: \$25 per session. Includes all materials and refreshments. Register by Sept. 15.

in person PSCC = Providence Spirituality & Conference Center
(⦿) live stream WVC = White Violet Center

virtual

series

For more information or to register go to Events.SistersofProvidence.org or call 812-535-2952. Gift certificates are available.

Art Journaling



Friday, Sept. 30, 6:30-9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Various locations

Let your inner creativity and inner wisdom emerge by learning how art and journaling can enhance your spiritual journey. Absolutely no art or writing skills are necessary. Participants need to bring only a childlike willingness to set aside inhibitions and to be delighted with the magic of color and the wonder of words. *Presented by Sister Rosemary Schmalz, SP. Cost: \$150 per person with housing (two meals included) or \$80 without housing (one meal included). Also includes all materials and refreshments. Register by Sept. 23. Space is limited.*

Fall Farm Day at the Woods*



Sunday, Oct. 2, 1-4 p.m.; WVC Farm

Join us for a fun day filled with alpacas, hayrides, demonstrations and facts about the farm. *Cost: Suggested donation \$5 per person.*

Praying with Nature



Saturday, Oct. 8, 9:30 a.m.-noon; Meet in the Havlik Center, Providence Hall

Living in the Midwest allows us to experience the gifts of the seasons including changes in birdsong, leaf color and temperature. Through photographs and just being in nature, get in touch with our loving God and observe these transformations up close. *Presented by Sister Marty Dermody, SC. Cost: \$30 per person. Includes refreshments. Register by Oct 6. Wear comfortable shoes. Feel free to bring binoculars and a camera.*

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Tuesday, Oct. 11, 7-8 p.m.

See Sept. for details.

Explore Religious Life Today: Come and See Retreat



7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14 through 2 p.m., Sunday Oct. 16

What is life as a Sister of Providence like today? Single Catholic women ages 18-42 are invited to Come and See! Retreat to the Woods to meet the sisters, pray and discern where God might be calling you. *Cost: Free. Register at ComeandSee.SistersofProvidence.org.*

Faith and the Arts



Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-noon; Foley Room, PSCC

Join Dr. Arthur Feinsod as he shares how faith can be solidified and amplified using works of visual arts, drama and poetry. The first half of each session will be a lecture on the material made available beforehand. The second half will be a discussion where all can delve deeper into the ideas that were touched upon in the first half.

Presented by Dr. Arthur Feinsod. Cost: \$25 per session or \$125 for all six sessions when registered in advance. Includes materials and refreshments. Register by Oct. 13. Other sessions: Nov. 12, Dec. 3, Jan. 14, April 1, June 3

***Make a day of it! Before the program join us for Mass at 11 a.m. in the Church of the Immaculate Conception and then enjoy Sunday Brunch. Go to Brunch.SistersofProvidence.org for details or to purchase tickets in advance.**

October continued

Walking the Labyrinth*

Sunday, Oct. 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Meet in the Havlik Center, Providence Hall

Walking the Labyrinth is a curious experience. Its purpose is singular, it does not have an end, per se. It has a center. It is like you – one seeking God – who has no end, just a center of love. Come, let us walk together, this curious path that stirs up a new kind of mindfulness within pilgrims.

Presented by Sister Paula Damiano, SP. Cost: \$20 per person. Includes materials and refreshments. Register by Oct 13. Wear comfortable shoes.



Giving an Account for Hope

6:15 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 23 through noon, Friday, Oct. 28; Various locations

Are you struggling to keep yourself grounded and joy-filled in the midst of this very troubled world? Join us for this silent, directed retreat that will assist you in touching the deep well of hope within and help you live out that hope in ways that bring hope to our weary world. We will draw on scripture, poetry and other spiritual writings. There will be ample time for personal reflection and prayer as well as an opportunity to share your faith journey with other retreatants and meet with a spiritual companion.

Presented by Sister Marie McCarthy, SP, and spiritual companion team. Cost: \$495 per person with housing or \$300 without housing. Includes 13 meals, all materials and refreshments. Register by Oct. 16. Space is limited.



Mourning Together: A Retreat Day for Survivors of Suicide Loss

Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Community Room, Providence Hall

Move beyond the pain and darkness related to a death of a loved one by suicide into the light and consolation that only mourning together with others on the same journey can offer to you during this retreat day that includes time for prayer, reflection and some small group sharing.

*Presented by Sister Connie Kramer, SP. Cost: \$20. Register by Oct. 31. Includes materials, refreshments and lunch. Space is limited. *Scholarships are available. Call 812-535-2926 for information.*



Mystics – A Journey of Discovery*

Sunday, Nov. 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Foley Room, PSCC

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Taizé Prayer Service at the Woods

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7-8 p.m.

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Faith and the Arts

Saturday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-noon; Foley Room, PSCC

See Oct. for details.



Faith and the Arts

Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-noon; Havlik Center, Providence Hall

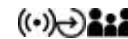
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Taizé Prayer Service at the Woods

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7-8 p.m.

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Christmas Fun at the Woods

Saturday, Dec. 10, 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Various locations

Start the fun at Providence Spirituality & Conference Center

Enjoy a festive afternoon with the Sisters of Providence and friends. Delight in the miniature Christmas village and collection of nativities including our hand-carved nativity scene. Come visit Santa at the North Pole Zone and meet our jolly alpacas! There will be activities, crafts, cookie decorating, wagon rides, a sing-a-long and face painting. Be prepared to take lots of pictures.

Cost: \$7; children 3 and under free. Go to Visit.SistersofProvidence.org to purchase tickets in advance.



Teen volunteer opportunities

Young people ages 12-18 are invited to spend time with Sisters of Providence to put a smile on their faces. Your volunteer time does make a difference! Sign up for our Saturday volunteer opportunities at TeenVolunteer.SistersofProvidence.org



Mission Immersion Experience

Are you a single, Catholic woman ages 18-42? If you would like to know more about religious life, plan a visit to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods at a time that works for you. Get to know the sisters and our mission. Learn about our foundress Saint Mother Theodore Guerin and visit her shrine. Pray with us. Tour our White Violet Center for Eco-Justice ministry. Room and meals can be provided! Contact Sister Joni Luna, SP, at 361-500-9505 or jluna@spsmw.org to arrange your visit.





Guided Tours

Learn about the early days when foundress Mother Theodore Guerin arrived from France in 1840. Visit the beautiful sacred and historic sites including the Shrine of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, Church of the Immaculate Conception and the Log Cabin Chapel. Many of the buildings you will see are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tour our working farm where we grow food and flowers and raise alpacas and chickens. All are welcome. Fees vary by tour. Guided Tours will be offered Sundays from 1-3 p.m., Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Reservations required. For more information go to Visit.SistersofProvidence.org or email tours@spsmw.org.

Self-Guided Tours

Pick up a printed guide at our welcome desk located in Providence Spirituality & Conference Center at the end of The Avenue entrance behind the fountain. Self-guided farm tour brochures are also available at the White Violet Farm Store or from boxes located outside the chicken coop or the alpaca barn. Self-guided tours are free. Donations are always appreciated. For more information please call 812-535-3131 or email tours@spsmw.org.

Brunch at the Woods

Join us on Sundays in historic and spacious O'Shaughnessy Dining Hall for breakfast favorites, homestyle lunch dishes, waffle station, omelet bar, carving station, delectable desserts and classic brunch cocktails prepared by our catering partner, Bon Appétit. Food is cooked from scratch using fresh, authentic ingredients. Sunday Brunch is served most Sundays from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. For details and pricing go to Brunch.SistersofProvidence.org or call 812-535-3131.

Private Retreats

Experience an atmosphere of peaceful quiet that allows you to enter into a sustained silence in order to pray more deeply, listen more carefully and respond more fully to God's movement within. During your retreat you'll stay in one of our three hermitages overlooking St. Joseph's Lake. Accommodations are \$95 per night, plus tax. Or stay in Woodhaven, our newly-opened retreat and guest house located north of Providence Spirituality & Conference Center. Cost is \$75, plus tax (one guest per room). Meals are available for purchase or you can use the fully-equipped kitchen to cook for yourself. Spiritual direction can be arranged for an additional charge. For details and availability please call 812-535-2946 or email provctr@spsmw.org.

Group Retreats

We are pleased to offer overnight group retreats for up to nine people. Bring your own retreat facilitator or let someone on our staff lead your small group. Guests will stay at Woodhaven. For more information please call 812-535-2946 or email provctr@spsmw.org.

Special Events

If you're looking for a place to host an event (wedding, anniversary, holiday party, etc), Saint Mary-of-the-Woods offers the perfect setting. Accommodations range from our large conference center that holds up to 500 people to a variety of other meeting and event spaces. We'll work with you to plan the logistics of your special day. Food is available through our catering partner, Bon Appétit. For more information please call 812-535-2946 or email provctr@spsmw.org.

Overnight Stays

Reserve one of our picturesque hermitages overlooking St. Joseph's Lake. You'll feel far away even though you're only a short distance from our historic buildings, stores, farm and shrines. Each hermitage features a fully-equipped kitchen, fresh linens and towels. Wi-Fi is complimentary. Cost is \$95 per night for the hermitages or \$75 per night at Woodhaven, plus tax. Call 812-535-2946 for more information and availability.



Pilgrimages

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods is a destination where your faith community or group can grow spiritually on its journey of faith. Our team will work with you to create your own unique pilgrimage experience. There are many sacred and beautiful spaces where you can pray and peacefully reflect while you connect with the Divine. To find out more call 812-535-2946 or email tours@spsmw.org.

Spiritual Direction

The Sisters of Providence have a number of certified Spiritual Directors who can guide you in deepening your relationship with the Divine or exploring your spirituality. Your spiritual director will listen and ask questions to assist you in the process of reflection and spiritual growth. Suggested offering of \$45-\$65 per session. Sessions can be in-person or held virtually. Call 812-535-2952 for more information.

